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Bolingbrook Garden Club
(Bolingbrook, Illinois)
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Bolingbrook Garden Club

2001





947 Blue Aster Dr
Romeoville, IL 60446
May 5, 2001

Cindy Jordan
Target
1188 W. Boughton Rd.
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Dear Ms. Jordan,

The Bolingbrook Garden Club wishes to thank the Target Volunteers for their assistance on the morning of April 28, 2001. Their help in digging the tree was invaluable. Without the team's assistance digging the trench and beginning the undercut, we would not have gotten the tree out of the ground. The tow truck arrived just after you and your team left. It worked like a charm. We were able to complete the undercut and remove the tree and its five-foot wide rootball from the pit. Thanks so much.

Anne Vinyard
President,
Bolingbrook Garden Club

VEGETABLE GARDENING

in small places



Presented by Anne Vinyard and Martha Davis
Anne talked about designing our garden, the use of hardscape in our garden and balancing tall, spiky plants with moundy-roundy plants as well as the use of color in our gardens.

Martha talked to us about the planting requirements of many common vegetables and herbs. We learned when to plant these many varieties and which ones we could plant continuously throughout the summer. We also learned about which plants work well on a trellis.



Creative Centerpieces





The Humphrey Project





The Goal-



Remove this tree!!





It finally took
this tow truck
to pull out the
root ball.

BOLINGBROOK GARDEN CLUB
PLANT SALE!
FROM OUR GARDENS TO YOURS

Perennials, Annuals, Herbs & Vegetables

Saturday, May 19, 2001

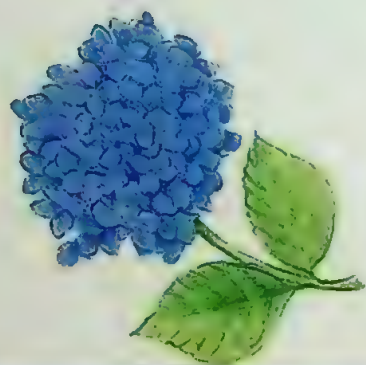
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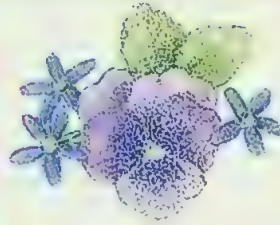
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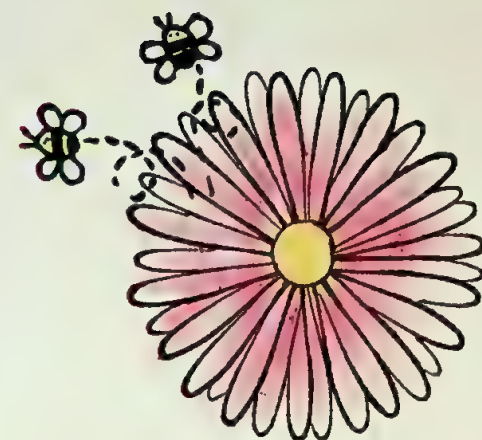


The Bolingbrook Garden Club

picnic site





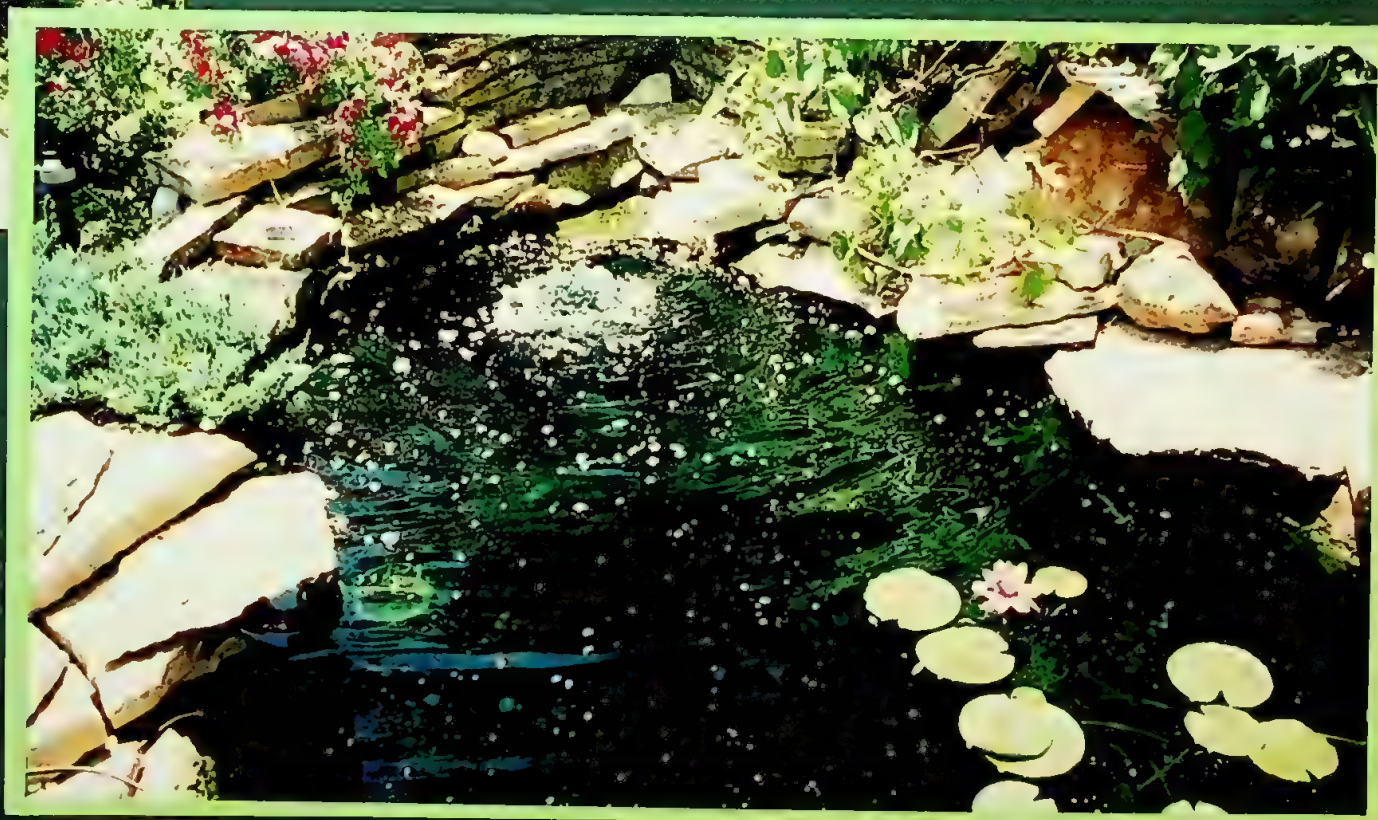


Garden
Walk



Summer
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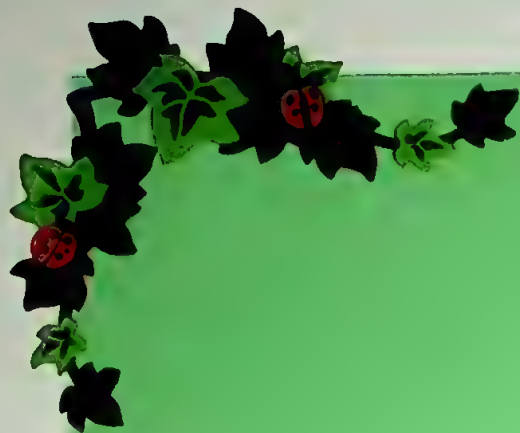




Humphrey
Work Day
Sept. 2001







Bolingbrook Garden Club

Winter Container Workshop

Saturday, December 1, 2001

10:00 am - noon

at

The Growing Place

25W471 Plank Road

Naperville, IL 60563

630-355-4000

Pam Hoehn, Designer, has arranged to teach a special workshop just for club members. She will show us how to make an outdoor winter arrangement to last through the Holidays and into the winter months. The cost includes:

Pam, plus 3-4 designers to instruct us on
how to assemble and care for our arrangement

☞

a 12-14" terracotta container

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all fresh evergreens

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selected woody stems, including: winterberry, curly willow, dogwood

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ribbon

Cost for the workshop \$50

paid by Garden Club 8

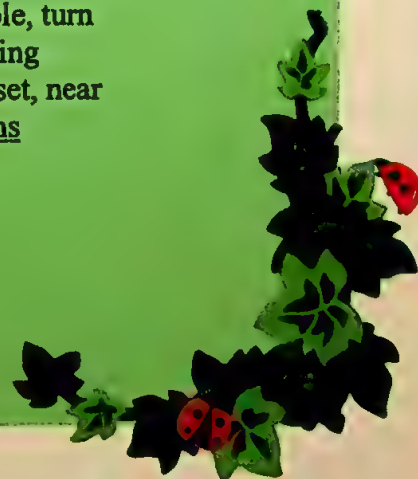
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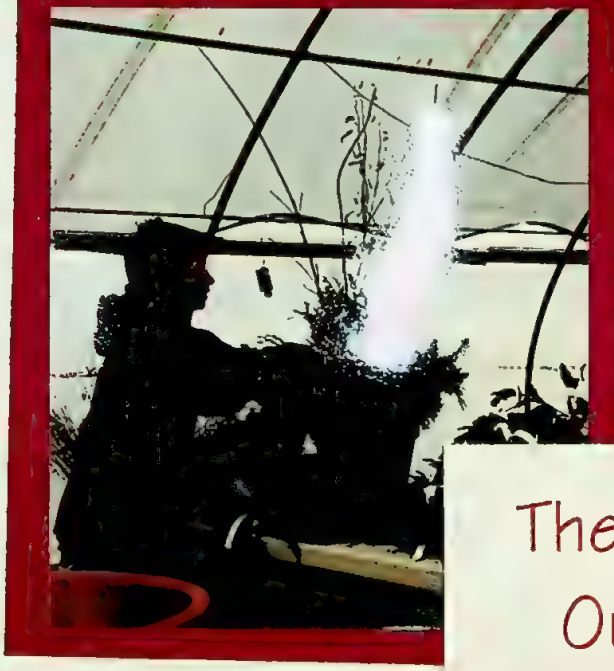
(Payment is due day of workshop: cash, check, Visa, Mastercard)

Supplies to bring: own pruners, gloves; wire cutters, pliers if you can

Please call Susan Klatt (630-759-0285) by November 15 to sign-up. Need a minimum of 5 people and a maximum of 15.

Directions: Allow about half-an-hour to drive from Bolingbrook. Take Weber south, continue on Naper Blvd. south. Cross Maple Avenue. At the first light after Maple, turn left, which is Plank Road. If you get to Ogden Avenue, you passed it! The Growing Place is on your left about 1/4 mile. Our workshop will be in the geranium Quonset, near the rear of their display area. Dress accordingly for the weather. Workshop begins promptly at 10:00 am.





The Growing Place
Outdoor Winter
Arrangement
December 1, 2001









Happy 75th Anniversary

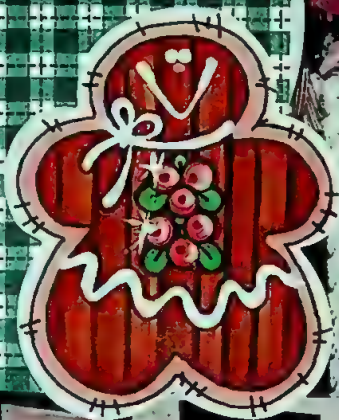
The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. celebrates its 75th year with all flags flying!

Each club receives a GCI State Flag and a stand in honor of our special year!

GCI wishes you to join in the spirit by saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag of The Garden Clubs of Illinois at your meetings this year. The pledge is:

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of The Garden Clubs of Illinois
and to the principles for which it stands - the beautification
of our state, kept void of litter, the protection of all wildlife
and conservation of its natural resources for present
and future generations.*

HOLIDAY



Bolingbrook
Garden
Club
Holiday Potluck

Date: Thursday December 13th

Time: 6:30

Hosted by: DiAnne Adomaitis

Address: 158 Wedgewood
Bolingbrook, IL

RSVP: Edna Droz @
815-838-6306 by Dec. 8th



947 Blue Aster Dr.
Romeoville, IL 60446
August 1, 2001
(815) 886-2538
E-mail: platycodon@aol.com

Mr. Greg Haston
Hendricksen The Care of Trees
700 Taft Avenue
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Mr. Haston,

I spoke with Lee last week about the donation of woodchips to Hubert H. Humphrey Middle School for a landscaping project the Bolingbrook Garden Club designed. This will become a living science laboratory for the middle school students. The project covers an area of approximately 8000 sq. ft. and requires a considerable quantity of woodchips. Lee agreed to donate the woodchips to the school. Whenever we speak to the press about this project, we are trying to get publicity for these types of donations. Enclosed is a copy of the design so that you can see what our ultimate goal is. Because of this donation, we will be able to purchase plants instead of wood chips. I would like to thank Hendricksen The Care of Trees for this wonderful donation!

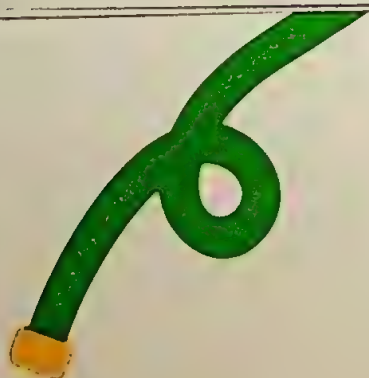
Sincerely,

Anne Vinyard, President
Bolingbrook Garden Club

THE BOLINGBROOK GARDEN CLUB

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

As approved on June 14, 2001



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CONSTITUTION

Article I

- Sec. 1 The name of this Club shall be "The Bolingbrook Garden Club."

Article II

- Sec. 1 The object of the Club shall be to promote and encourage the exchange of horticultural knowledge; to foster interest in gardening; to promote horticultural projects throughout the community.

Article III

- Sec. 1 The Officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Sec. 2 The government of this organization shall be vested in the Executive Board, which shall be composed of the Officers, the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, and the retiring President as Member-at-Large.

Article IV

- Sec. 1 The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by presenting the amendment changes to the membership at a meeting followed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

BYLAWS

Article I

- Sec. 1 The meeting of the Club shall be held the second Thursday of each month, excepting the second Thursday of December, unless otherwise provided by the Executive Board.
- Sec. 2 The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on the second Thursday in January each year, unless otherwise provided by the Executive Board.
- Sec. 3 Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Board. All members shall be notified of such proposed meeting.
- Sec. 4 Guests are welcome at all meetings of the Club. The same guest may attend no more than two meetings a year.

Article II

- Sec. 1 The dues of this Club shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year, per person. The dues of a couple shall be thirty-seven dollars (\$37.00) per year. Dues are payable at the February meeting. Dues shall include the State Federation's per capita dues and annual subscription to "Garden Glories." Dues for new members shall be prorated as follows: Joining in February thru August the dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person; Joining in September thru January the dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per person. Couples shall pay thirty-seven dollars (\$37.00) and twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) respectively. Dues paid by new members shall be applied to the current membership year.
- Sec. 2 The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.
- Sec. 3 Any member having failed to pay dues by the February Meeting shall be assessed an additional five dollar (\$5.00) late fee. Failure to pay the annual dues and the late fee by the March meeting shall be forfeiture of membership save in exceptional cases, which shall be reported to the Executive Board, who shall have power to grant further time to remit dues.

Article III

- Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall meet as needed. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum. They shall fill all vacancies and, as needed, appoint any other committees and determine their duties.

Article IV

- Sec. 1 The Standing Committees shall be: Program, Membership, Garden Sale, Historian, Garden Walks and Civic Gardening and Social.

Article V

- Sec. 1 Election of Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be by written ballot, unless there be only one candidate for each office.
- Sec. 2 All Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be elected at the November meeting and shall be installed and assume their duties at the December meeting (or social).
- Sec. 3 No person is eligible for office or membership on a committee who is not in good standing.
- Sec. 4 To be eligible for the office of President, a member shall have served at least 1 year on the Executive Board.
- Sec. 5 At the regular meeting in September, a Nominating Committee of three shall be established: the Chairman shall be appointed by the President; one member shall be elected by the Board; and one member not a member of the Board shall be elected by the organization.
- Sec. 6 The Nominating Committee shall read the proposed slate of candidates at the October meeting.

Article VI

- Sec. 1 It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all Club and Board Meetings, represent the Club in its contact with other organizations, and be an "ex officio" member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- Sec. 2 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during the President's absence or at the President's request and shall have charge of publicity.
- Sec. 3 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Club and Board Meetings, have charge of all documents pertaining to organization affairs, and conduct the correspondence of the Club.
- Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Club funds, pay all bills of the Club approved by the Executive Board, make a financial report at each meeting of the Board, and send acknowledgments of resignations.
- Sec. 5 The Program Committee will select and arrange for Club Programs during the regular monthly meetings, generally during fall, winter and spring.
- Sec. 6 The Garden Walks Committee will coordinate and arrange for visits to members' and other gardens.
- Sec. 7 The Historian shall establish and maintain books of evidence, which shall be compilations of facts and information related to Club projects and events (e.g., garden sales, garden walks, civic projects and program meetings). The Historian will also keep complete records of other appropriate history.
- Sec. 8 The Membership Committee shall coordinate refreshments for scheduled Program Meetings, log attendance for all meetings, coordinate membership campaigns, solicit and maintain current member interests, and organize the December social.
- Sec. 9 The Civic Gardening Committee will recommend and initiate civic projects to benefit the City of Bolingbrook and will coordinate volunteers for these projects.

Sec. 10 The Garden Sale Committee will coordinate and arrange the annual plant sale, and will be responsible for publicity, location, facilities, setup and cleanup for the sales.

Sec. 11 The Social Committee Chairman will create committees to co-ordinate and arrange the June Open House and the December Holiday Social.

Article VII

Sec. 1 The Club shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised unless otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws, or by the Laws of the State of Illinois.

Article VIII

Sec. 1 In the event of dissolution of the Bolingbrook Garden Club, the total assets shall be liquidated and determined by the Executive Board of the Bolingbrook Garden Club in accordance with governmental regulations. No portion of such funds shall be distributed among members.

STANDING RULES

Matters subject to change from time to time, and not specifically covered in the Bylaws, may be set up as Standing Rules and shall be binding upon members in the same manner as the Bylaws. These rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting after a written notice of such amendment has been read to the Club and a copy filed with the Secretary at a previous meeting.

1. The delegates to the Annual State Convention of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc., shall be the President and a voting member of the Executive Board. The delegate and alternate shall be elected by the Board in February.
2. The amount of money for the delegate or alternate expenses shall be decided upon by the Board each year.
3. There will be no refund of dues paid by an individual and entered on the books.

Green thumbs

Garden clubs nurture friendships around a shared love of nature

By Susan Dibble
Staff writer

When Jeanine Gauen moved into her then brand-new Lemont home 13 years ago, her lot contained no trees, bushes or flowers, not even a blade of grass. Now the yard blooms with a profusion of color — from purple and pink larkspur to fluffy white annabelle hydrangeas to yellow “monkey flowers” to the red, tubular phygelius and a myriad of other plants designed to attract tiny hummingbirds.

Gauen said all this gardening began after she joined the Lemont Garden Club nine or 10 years ago.

“I’ve come a long way. My garden was featured in our garden walk (held in 1999 to celebrate the club’s 50th anniversary),” she said. “I sort of specialize in hummingbird plants. I like to grow things that are rare and unusual that most gardeners have never heard of.”

Last year, Gauen took classes to become a University of Illinois master gardener. She and a few others from the club also offer garden therapy to

seniors at Holy Family Villa in Lemont twice a month. Gauen said for her, gardening offers an escape, as well as a meaningful connection to others who share her interests.

“I marvel at the miracle of nature,” she said. “I never would have learned so much without my garden club members. Garden clubbing is a great way to share with other people who feel the same way.”

Friendship, philanthropy and a love of nature seem to be the hallmarks of garden clubs and their members. Members don’t just plant their own gardens — they share the knowledge they gain with one another, spruce up public places and encourage others to cultivate a passion for growing things.

“You can never learn everything about gardening,” said Romeoville resident Anne Vinyard, president of the Bolingbrook Garden Club. “It’s been a wonderful opportunity. The friendships are really good.”

“It’s fun and it’s good therapy. The people are nice,” said Lemont resident Annie

Coleman, treasurer and a founding member of the Lemont Friendship Garden Club, one of the newer clubs in the area. “People who love nature have to be pretty nice.”

Lemont Garden Club

Founded in 1949, Lemont Garden Club is still going strong after 52 years. Because members hold their meetings in homes, membership is limited to 25 and the club has a waiting list. But there aren’t any special requirements to join, said President Pat Laasch of Lemont, who became a member four or five years ago.

“I used to just piddle around here and there. Now I’ve learned a lot of things. The majority are gardeners, but you don’t have to be,” she said.

Members’ interests in horticulture are eclectic, Laasch said. The majority grow flowers, but some raise vegetables. Currently, there’s high interest in butterfly gardens, a couple members have ponds and, of course, Gauen has a hummingbird garden.

But club members aren’t just interested in planting their own gardens. “We have a lot of



Staff photo by Sidney Thoms

Jeanine Gauen of the Lemont Garden Club grooms one of her rare cuphea flowers, while hummingbird feeders stand in the background waiting for the nesting hummingbirds to return. The red color attracts the hummingbirds.

civic projects we do,” Laasch said.

The club has planted at Village Hall, the library, the post office, the Park District and downtown. Members decorate a Christmas tree in the downtown for the holiday season, and give wreaths to put on public buildings. The club has donated money for the purchase of trees for a school and the Lemont Park District. Two \$500 scholarships are given each year to students studying horticulture-related topics.

Club members share their bounty with the public at a spring plant show. “We take plants from our own gardens that are starting to multiply and need to be divided,” Laasch said. “We take them to the Park District and sell them very reasonably for \$2, \$3 and \$4.” A “Holiday Beginnings” dinner to be held Oct. 9 at Ruffled Feathers in Lemont will feature local florists demonstrating how to make arrangements. The \$30 tickets already are available for purchase, Laasch said.

The garden therapy at Holy Family Villa is now in its fifth year, Gauen said. She and a couple other club members spend an hour twice a month helping the residents maintain house plants or doing other horticulture-related activities.

“It’s just an opportunity for residents who like to get their fingers in the dirt to do so,” Gauen said. “What we try to do is motivate people to use their arms if they don’t usually use their arms. We had one gentleman who never used his left arm except for gardeni-

Members meet in homes the second Tuesday of the month except during the summer,

when they go to two or three garden tours. Meetings often include a program on a particular garden-related topic. The membership fee is \$10 a year, part of which goes to the Garden Clubs of Illinois. For information or to request tickets for “Holiday Beginnings” dinner, call Pam Laasch at (630) 257-6010.

Friendship Garden Club

Founded in 1995, the Lemont Friendship Garden Club grew out of a community project led by Lemont resident Alice Chin to plant a garden along the Illinois & Michigan Canal. “The Lemont Friendship Garden Club was an offshoot of that,” said Coleman, who joined Chin to become a founding member of the club and who continues to serve as treasurer.

In the beginning, some of the handful of women who started the club recruited their husbands in order to have the 10 members needed for the group to join the Garden Clubs of Illinois. Since then the club has grown to 30 members, 29 women and one man, with the majority from Lemont but a few from outlying areas.

“We are a growing club,” said President Donna Holous of Lemont. “Some are very knowledgeable. We have other people like myself who need an education.”

The group has done plantings at park areas, schools and the library; donated money for the Lemont Park District’s Butterfly Garden and for Earth Day trees; and helped with the I & M Canal cleanup. It also holds an annual poinsettia sale, has a plant ex-



Staff photo by Ron Koopmann

Anne Vinyard (left) of Romeoville president of the Bolingbrook Garden Club, and club members Martha Davis and Carol Powley of Bolingbrook show a model of the award-winning landscape design they have created for the gym entrance to Robert H. Humphreys Middle School in Bolingbrook.

Lifestyle

lands take up another part; a creek garden on the side of her house leads to the rose garden; another portion of the yard is English-style terraced perennials; and what space remains will eventually be transformed into a Japanese garden.

"I like to create mini-rooms," said Vinyard, who does her gardening on a 70-foot-by-150-foot lot. "Instead of worrying about mass, you worry about detail."

Like other garden clubs, the group makes donations to public entities, sometimes gives scholarships, and takes on civic projects that are handled by the Civic Projects Committee.

Vinyard said plans for the school's gym entrance call for transforming the 8,000-square-foot area into a living laboratory planted with trees, shrubs, ground cover, ornamental grasses and perennials. The area also will include a water feature, benches and possibly a night light system.

Dues are \$20 a year. For membership information, call Deb Ebenroth at (630) 759-5345.

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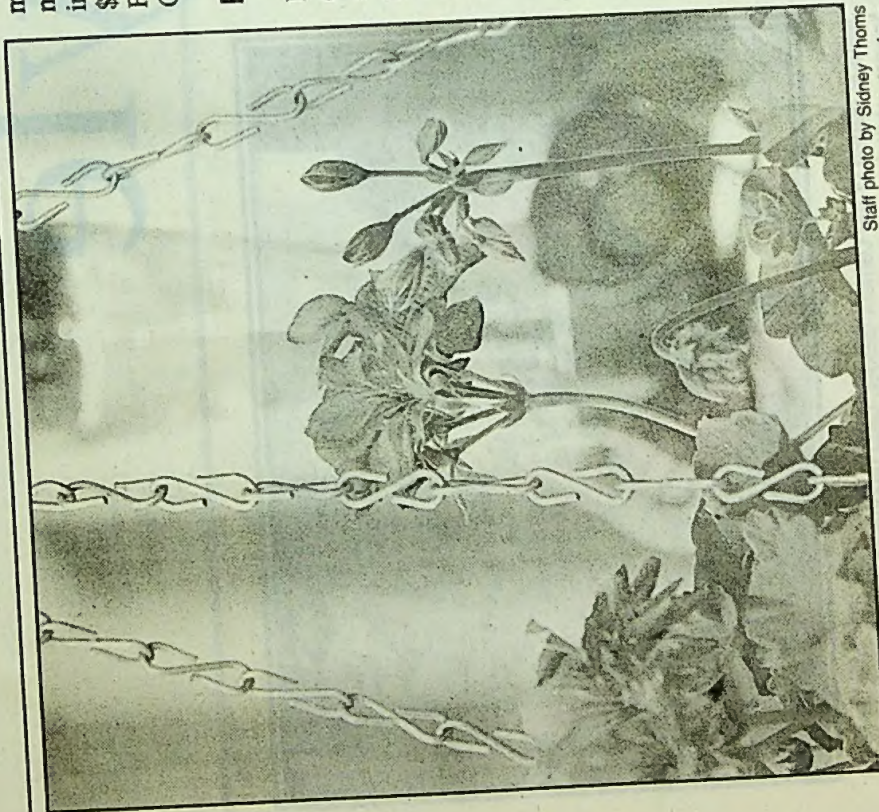
most of the year, but often meets at members' homes during the summer. Membership is \$10 a year and \$8 for seniors. For information, call Annie Coleman at (630) 257-6255.

Bolingbrook Garden Club

The 43 members of the Bolingbrook Garden Club have diverse horticulture interests, said Vinyard, who joined the group a year after it started in 1993 and now serves as its president. Some have container gardens; a few are especially interested in growing plants to attract butterflies and birds; a couple members have ponds; one specializes in geraniums; and others focus on perennials, vegetables, fruit trees or native plants.

"When the club started, most of the people didn't know anything about anything. Maybe they knew how to grow tomatoes," Vinyard said. "We share a lot of information."

Vinyard, who was living in Bolingbrook at the time she joined the club and already a gardener, concentrates on landscape design. Day lilies dominate her front yard and wood-



Staff photo by Sidney Thoms

Lemont resident Jeanine Gauen's garden includes these ivy geraniums in a hanging basket. One of her hummingbird feeders is in the background.

takes several field trips a year.

"We're trying to be diverse, but we want to be in the community and do more things," Holous said.

The group meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend St., for

Garden

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change among members, sets up a booth at the Lemont Public Library during National Garden Week and donates a book to the library, staffs a booth at Heritage Fest, and

It All Adds Up...



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Anne Vinyard (left) of Romeoville president of the Bolingbrook Garden Club, and club members Carol Powley of Bolingbrook show a model of the award-winning landscape design they have created for the gym entrance to Hubert H. Humphreys Middle School in Bolingbrook.

Bolingbrook garden walk to raise funds for project

By Lauren B. Kraft
STAFF WRITER

The Bolingbrook Garden Club will hold a garden walk Saturday to raise money for a project at Hubert H. Humphrey Middle School.

Maps for the six-garden tour will be available at the school before the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. walk begins. Proceeds from ticket sales will go toward plants and necessities for the middle school landscaping project, a garden which will not only help botany students learn about plant life, but also beautify the area.

The Garden Club, which won an award for the design of the project from the Garden Clubs of Illinois' Landscaping Design Council, will show six gardens designed by Bolingbrook residents.

The garden walk can help to inspire any gardener, said Anne Vinyard, Bolingbrook Garden Club president.

"They can get some ideas," Vinyard said. "If they put their mind to it, they can do it themselves."

Homeowners or Garden Club members will be on hand to answer any questions walkers may have.

The first stop is Diana Bodell's perennial garden. Bodell, a former Bolingbrook Garden Club member, designed the garden herself. The garden wraps around the house and

features old bowling balls and a resin turtle disguised as colorful lawn decorations. Bodell uses broken china to decorate different objects, transforming them into colorful ornamentations. She will be selling some of her work to benefit Sipley Elementary School in Woodridge, Vinyard said.

Trish Grew moved into her home, the next stop on the walk, only to find a 20-foot mound of dirt in her back yard — a gift from the developers. Instead of calling a crew to haul the pile out, she turned it into a hillside garden. Grew's masterpiece is as tall as her two-story house, Vinyard said. Grew built a waterfall and multiple ponds to accent the garden, then placed an arbor covered with roses halfway up the hill.

Al Sondaj's garden, the third on the walk, shares the water elements of Grew's garden, but he focuses more on shade plants and shrubs. The shade garden is full of annuals, ornamental trees and shrubs, Vinyard said.

The fourth garden is an elaborate English-style garden put together solely by Victoria Jackson. She laid each stone in her patio by hand. Then, working in sections, she created a landscaping scheme surrounding her entire house. The gar-

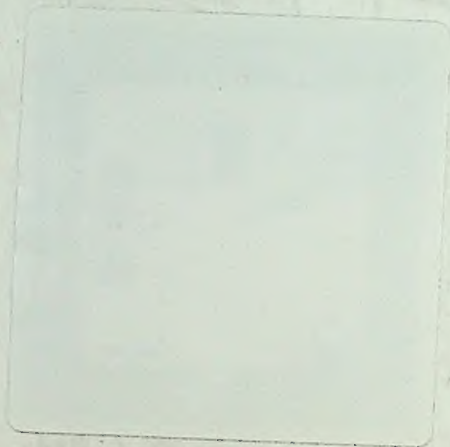
den is mostly perennials.

The fifth garden on the walk is host to prairie plants from all over Illinois and even Wisconsin. Dave Jagodzinski rescues native prairie plants from the bulldozer. When builders need to get rid of plants to develop land, Jagodzinski digs up the plants and brings them to his yard or local forest preserves. Once he even went to Napewell, Wis., to save a plant, Vinyard said.

The final stop on the walk is Cheryl Pilipus' home. The most unique part of her yard is the dry streambed she constructed to solve a back yard flooding problem, Vinyard said. Pilipus' yard is also full of mature trees and shrubs because she knows the importance of soil amendment, a technique used to help nutrients reach the roots of trees, Vinyard said. Pilipus' husband also built a special support for tomato vines, something Vinyard said is easily constructed and would be beneficial for any tomato growers to see.

Tickets cost \$10 before Saturday and \$12 on the day of the walk. For tickets, call (630) 739-8514 or go to Hubert H. Humphrey Middle School at 777 Falconridge Way.

Contact Lauren B. Kraft at (815) 439-4348 or lkraft@scn1.com.



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